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- Information from Hungary gives the following picture of the Soviet Army's summer maneuvers there.
- 2. Maneuvers are being held simultaneously in the Trans-Danube area and in the great Hungarian plain; so far they appear to be entirely independent of each other. The Trans-Danube maneuvers again are being carried out in two parts. The troops of the Soviet division which has its permanent station in the Szombathely area are engaged against those of the division from the Szekesfehérvár area. The region of the maneuvers is south of Lake Balaton (Plattensee), but away from the Yugoslav border. Troop movements in preparation for the maneuvers were carried out during the summer along the Sió River in a southerly direction. In this connection troop movements took place from east to west through Budapest. The weatern Austrian-Hungarian border region has been emptied.
- 3. There are no Soviet troop concentrations along the Dráva River on the Yugoslav-Hungarian border. Reports from Yugoslav quarters appear to be purposely planted reports; designed to alarm western political powers. Hungarian forces, mainly AVH (Hungarian secret police) border guards, are stationed along the Dráva. The line of the Danube at Komárom and Györ is only weakly occupied by Soviet troops. There is a Soviet armored battalion at Györ.
- 4. Firing exercises at Hajmáskér and Várpalota form the second part of the West Hungarian maneuvers. The camps here are permanently occupied by Soviet and Hungarian armored and artillery units, which hold active firing exercises in battalion and abteilung strength. These exercises are not connected with the other maneuvers in which divisions are engaged. Firing exercises are held at Hajmáskér all eyear fround.

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According to information coming from Soviet soldiers in the Hungarian villages, the Trans-Danube maneuvers will last until the middle of September. The troops of the two Trans-Danube divisions have been steadily occupied for two months.
Information from Trans-Danubia also declares that the Hungarian division which was formerly at Pspa has recently been shifted to Keszthely. It is a known fact that considerable parts of four Hungarian units are at Keszthely: the l Infantry Regiment, the l Artillery Regiment, the l Communications Battalion, and the l Pioneer Battalion, or Pioneer Regiment. An armored regiment or battalion of the same division is at the resort Héviz.
the shift is of a temporary nature, but a third
it concerns an entirely new division that in the stay at Keszthely, and that the division from Papa has been withdrawn for summer maneuvers. Time will be needed to clarify these opinions.
The new airfield at Sopron has been completed and is occupied by Soviet flying units of unknown strength.
Zalmegerszeg is getting a military airfield, which at the present time is being secretly constructed. It is said that the field is being built on Soviet instructions, and is not the same as the new commercial airfield. Further data cannot be obtained at present.
A modern airfield with a concrete runway will be built for the Soviet Air Force at Paks, on the Danube.
The Rakosi Matyas armored officers school was still at Tata in the last balf of July 1952. The training camp of the Hungarian athletes for the Olympic games was at the same place.
Twenty training regiments have been established in Hungary this summer. They are quartered in the old and new summer camps.
a great final closing
exercise will be held at the end of the summer maneuvers in Hungary, in which all the twoops will take part. The Soviet and satellite divisions in Trans-Danubia will return eastward, and in doing so will have to cross the Danube at another part. Probably for this purpose, many bridges have been thrown across in the Baja region. Part of the returning troops will be able to use the new bridges at Dunaföldvár and Baja; these will be supposed to have been blown up afterwards, and the troops can only depend on the Soviet and Hungarian pontoon bridges.
The troops of the Soviet division from Kecskemet have so far organized only one to three days summer maneuvers on the great Hungarian plain. So far these troops have not fully moved out of their garrisons. After a couple of days exercise

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- 14. they have returned to Kecskemet and vicinity. Troops from the Soviet division at Satu Mare, Rumania, are taking part in these maneuvers, for which they have been transferred to Hungary. The staff and command of this division are reported to be at the town of Mako at the present time. ileta ka**in.** Parita di Tambana kakari aji, d in Agent Martin (1994) and the second of the

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- A Soviet armored regiment is located in the city of Szolnok. According this regiment has been there for several months, in the so-called Tiszai barracks. The regiment carries out daily exercises east of the village of Toszeg, in the dried-up flood region of the Tisza. Sharpshooting practice is held all the time during the summer. A red flag is raised at the edge of the village, which signifies that the inhabitants cannot leave. The Russians have taken no account of the demands of harvest time, so the peasants have had to do their farm work at night. Great damage resulted. Twice during the spring of 1952, maneuvers lasted for 10 to 14 days without interruption.
- 16. Several hundred recruits have been called up from Szolnok for the AVH border guard since April 1952. One percent of them were rejected as unfit; the others had to serve. Grounds for rejection were blindness and similar severe bodily afflictions.
- 17. there is a Hungarian infantry regiment at Karcag, which was transferred there from Miskele in October 1951.

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